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SUBJECT: CYPRUS; UK EVACUATION OPERATIONS ALONG NORTHERN COAST

1. AT INFORMAL MEETING OF INTERESTED NATO AND NATIONAL REPS,
HELD THIS AM, UK DELEGATION GAVE BRIEFING
ON PROGRESS OF HMS HERMES' EVACUATION OF UK/ FOREIGN NATIONALS
FROM KYRENIA AREA.

2. UK HAD REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS
TO CONDUCT THIS OPERATION; GREEKS REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE
BUT TURKS DID NOT RESPOND DESPITE REPEATED UK REQUESTS
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THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT OF 22/23 JULY. UK DECIDED TO COMMENCE
EVACUTATION ANYWAY. HERMES WAS UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE
DURING TRANSIT TO NORTH COAST BY TURKISH AIRCRAFT AND
DESTROYER. EVACUATION OPERATIONBEGAN AT FIRST LIGHT

WITH HELO LIFTS FROM SIX MILE BEACH WEST OF KYRENIA.

2. INITIAL FIGURES SHOW 1000-1500 EVACUATED WITH ANOTHER 300 STILL TO GO N BEACH. IN ADDITION, 700 REMAIN TO BE EVACUATED FROM KYRENIA PROPER LATER IN OPERATION, EITHER BY HELO OR SMALL BOAT. FOLLOWING THESE OPERATIONS, HERMES ESCORTS (HMS DEVONSHIRE AND HMS ANDROMEDA) WILL SWEEP ALONG COAST LOOKING FOR STRAGGLERS FOR PICK UP BY HELO OR BOAT.

4. UK HAD NO INFORMATION ON STATUS OF US PERSONNEL AT KAVARAS FBIS UNIT NOR INFORMATION CONCERNING NATIONALITY BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATED 2500 NORTH COAST EVACUATION PERSONNEL. BRITISH RADIO BROADCASTS COMMENCING PM JULY 22 ADVISED ALL FOREIGN NATIONALS OF PLANNED RESCUE OPERATION AND GAVE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO PICK UP POINT. BROADCAST EMPHASIZED THAT EVACUATION PLAN DID NOT INCLUDE CYPRIOTS.

5. RELATED ITEMS OF INTEREST BROUGHT OUT AT MEETING:

A. NORWEGIAN REP ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY WAS MAKING READY TWO NORWEGIAN PASSENGER LINERS NOW IN RHODES FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF NORWEGIAN NATIONALS FROM GREECE AND TURKEY.

B. MANY TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUGEES ARE ENCAMPED AROUND BRITISH BASE AREAS SEEKING ASSISTANCE.

C. TURKISH AREAS OF FAMAGUSTA, LIMASSOL, AND PAPLOS WERE OVERRUN AND SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES FROM GREEK CYPRIOTS DURING FIGHTING.

D. UK REINFORCEMENT OF BASE AREAS MOSTLY ACCOMPLISHED BUT THIS REINFORCEMENT MADE WITHOUT PRE-COMMITMENT TO LONGER TERM QUESTIONS SUCH AS FINANCING OF THESE FORCES. SOME 700 UK TROOPS NOW INVOLVED IN PERFORMING BASE AREA WORK PREVIOUSLY DONE BY CYPRIOTS. UK REINFORCEMENT OF UK PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT WILL BE MADE FROM FORCES NOW
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IN CYPRUS BUT STILL REQUITED FOR BRITISH BASE SECURITY.
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